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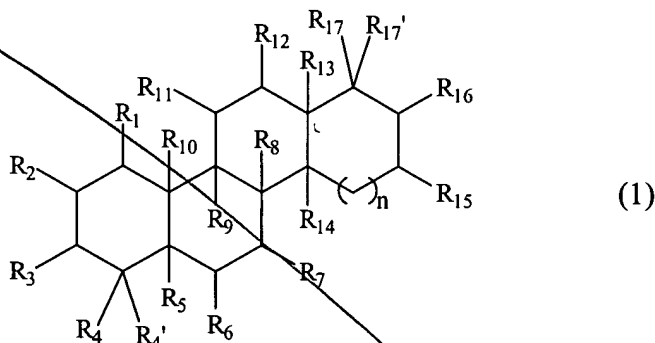
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 23, 2002

In response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Amend claims 1 and 33 as follows:

1. -- A compound of formula (1):



wherein

each of R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>7</sub>, R<sub>11</sub>, R<sub>12</sub>, R<sub>15</sub>, and R<sub>16</sub>, independently, is hydrogen, hydroxy, amino, carboxyl, oxo, halo, sulfonic acid, -O-sulfonic acid, or alkyl that is optionally inserted

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